

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST,
WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me ..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 85 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

We want to invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

- *St. Martin's is a gun-free Campus.*
 - *To use a hearing assisted device, see one of our ushers.*
 - *St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*
 - *Please silence all cell phones when entering The Church and also refrain from texting.*
- Thank you for being respectful of God and others as we spend time together in worship.*



** indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshippers.*

HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY “Pastorale in F Major”

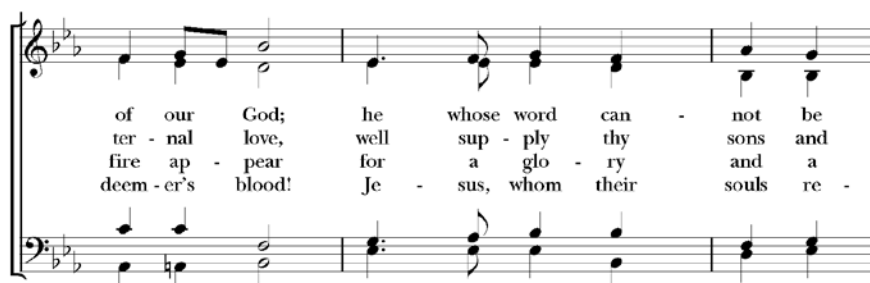
Johann Sebastian Bach

The people stand as the procession begins.

✱ HYMN 522 “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -



of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -



bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.; Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1807)..

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*GLORIA (*said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)



Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 685 (*vs. 1-2*) “Rock of Ages”

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELLuke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on pages 24-25.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON

***THE NICENE CREED** (*stand*)

Celebrant and People

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for the nomination of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; the Clergy of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Church of the Province of South East Asia; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, John, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the World;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially ____; for those who are hospitalized, especially ____; and for those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially ____; give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, ____; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 26 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Laudáte Dóminum”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Laudáte Dóminum ómnes géntes; Laudáte éum, ómnes pópuli.
Quóniam confirmáta est super nos misericórdia éjus. Et véritas
Dómini mánet in aetérnum. Glória Pátri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sáncto.
Sicut érat in princípío, et nunc, et sémper, et in saécula saéculorum.
Amen.

*O praise the Lord, all ye nations; Praise him, all ye peoples. For his loving
kindness has been bestowed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY..... *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 him, all crea- tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from *Psaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

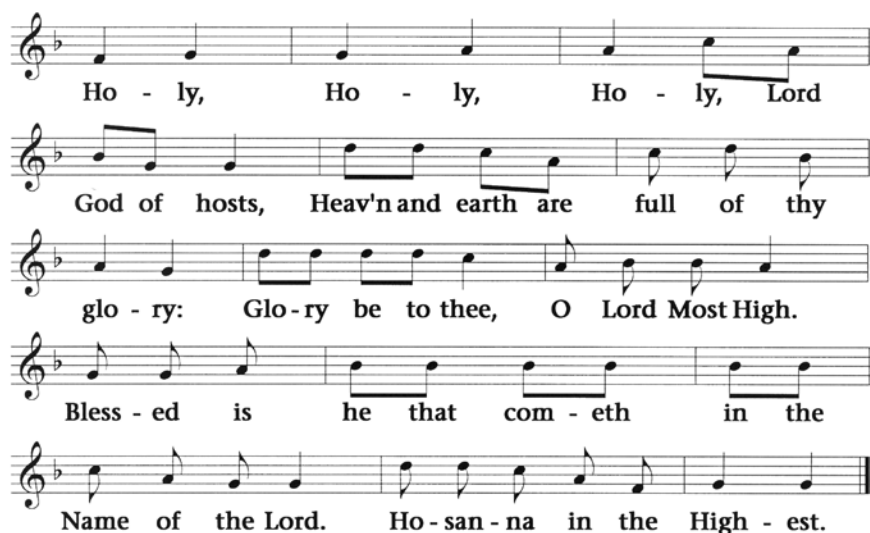
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Then may be said together

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

ANTHEM “There is a Balm in Gilead”

William Dawson

Sometime I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say “He died for all.” There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

Text: Jeremiah 8:22.

HYMN 178 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

Refrain




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
Praise to his Name.



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain



He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
Now we shall live for ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will

save, way. save. I who made the stars of night,
 I will break their hearts of stone, Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

light to them? Whom shall I send? word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord, Is it
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord,

if you lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my

1. 2. heart. 3. heart.

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HYMN 693..... "It is Well with My Soul"

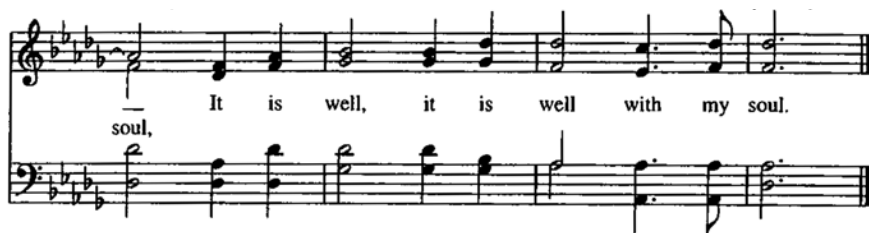
1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lous roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol;
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. ate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well ————— It is well with my soul, ————— with my



Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871); Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868).

After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 432 "O Praise Ye the Lord"

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth;
 *3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150; Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Final”

Charles-Marie Widor

Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for our 60th wedding anniversary

by Joan and Henry Hill

In memory of Mary Gray and Earl Lester on their wedding anniversary

by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher and

Allison and Philip Lorenzo

In memory of Mary Kate Jacobe

by Brenda Jacobe

In memory of Caroline and Sells Neuhaus on the occasion of their birthdays

by Becky Neuhaus



BAPTISMS

Aug. 16 Francis Linn Grant

Charlotte Ann Snelling



SYMPATHY

June 24 Maurine Linquist Alfrey

July 8 Gayle Virginia Tate Ferguson

Aug. 3 Henry Clay Dean III

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit smec.org/altar-flowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at relhakam@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Carolyn Alban	Rhea Latta	Mary Watters
Joe B. Allen	Bruce Michael Lee	Eric Zoerb
Edith Avery	Mary Lehman	Angela
Shelly Bain	Nancy Liles	Atticus
William Barrett	Patrick Maehs	Ben
Ken Beadell	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Daniel
Cory Blackman	Janet McDaniel	David
Jimmy Broussard	Adams McHenry	Ellen
Gary Browning	Frank Melchor	Henry
The Rev. Jim Cunningham	Chuck Miller	J.R.
Gail Davis	Nadim Nasir	Jane
Bobby de Sosa	Nancy Older	Jason and Blanca
Linda de Sosa	Bob Paddock	Jim
Charlotte Dion	Antone Peterson	Judy
Ross Dunn	Ophelia Pujol	Laura
Stacey and John Elliott	Mary Sommers Pyne	Linda
Jackie Eubank	Phyllis Reinhardt	Luke
Judy Gerrish	John Roady	Lynne
Catherine Gonzales	Magdalene Robbins	Margaret
Nancy Gore	Maggie Rodriguez	Mark
Cynthia Graham	Angela Salinas	Natalie
The Rev. Alex Graham	Steve Salsman	Sally
Bette Haidusek	Lynne Sanyoto	Sarah Jean
Cathy Haidusek	Bill Schwaiger	Shane
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Amelia Harrington	Caroline Searls	Steve
Nancy Haywood	Helen and Jim Shaffer	Susan
Aaron Holbrook	Caroline Shanahan	
Laurie Howard	Clif Shoemake	
Louise Huck	Marc Sony	
Wendy Hunt	Michael Stern	
Sara Jabbari	Jan and Jim Stokes	
Mary and Jim Jennings	Isabelle Sundara	
Sarah Johnson	Norma Taylor	
Katie Jones	Jerry Lee Tobar	
Susan Jones	Betty Tutor	
Chester and Susan Keeton	Scarlett and Luke Tyler	
Dick Kilday	Van Valentine	
Diane Knutzen	Caden Walker	
Reid Kuhn	Margaret Watson	

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CONTINUING PRAYERS

Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

Col. Julian Benton	Charles Lewis	CPO Evan Tomlin
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	Capt. Jack Mullen	
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	1st Lt. Alex Mullen	
Capt. Casey Gainer	PFC. Parris F. Owen	
LCDR Bradley Hoffman	SrA James W. Peoples	
LTC Wesley J. Hunnell	Lt. Paul Piana	
1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant	
Major Blake J. Kidd	CPO Brian Powell	
Lt. Jonathan Lesieur	1st Lt. S. Jeffers Shaper	

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OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES



9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Family Table service with Holy Eucharist combines contemporary worship music with traditional liturgy and is designed for families with young children.



11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Riverway Contemporary Service is both Anglican and modern, offering the Holy Eucharist in a relaxed service with contemporary music.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist Services
7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. • Christ Chapel

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM.....Psalm 103:1-8

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLEHebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”) Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

THIS SUNDAY

✦ ADULTS

8+

Discuss the lectionary readings of the day following the 8 a.m. service.

8:55 a.m. • *Chapel Reception Hall*

MINISTRY FAIR

Learn how you can more fully participate in your church family at St. Martin's. Snacks and beverages will be available.

10:15 a.m. • *Activity Center*

✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GET-TOGETHERS

Students in grades 6–12 spend time in fellowship and discuss the Scriptures shared in worship.

10:15 a.m. • *Student Life Center*

✦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children through 5th grade are given a solid foundation of Biblical and theological knowledge in age-appropriate ways.

10:15 a.m. • *Children's Life Center*

CHILDCARE

Available during all morning services for six-week-old infants through children age 3.

8 a.m. • *Children's Life Center*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



*To view all our Christian education options, scan the QR code or visit **smec.org/learn**.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

AUGUST 24-30, 2025

ALL ADULTS

Saintly Stitchers *Monday, 10 a.m. • Activity Center, Upper Hall East*
Saintly Stitchers fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces.

Prayer Shawl Ministry *Tuesday, 9 a.m. • Activity Center, Family Room*
Knit and crochet shawls to be released for those in need of prayer.

Blanket Ladies *Wednesday, 10 a.m. • Activity Center, Family Room*
Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals.

St. Clare's Guild *Wednesday, Noon • Activity Center, Upper Hall East*
St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs.

Parish Choir *Thursday, 11:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. • The Music Center, Rehearsal Hall*
Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation.

STUDENTS

Youth Choir *Sunday, 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
Students in grades 6-12 spend time in fellowship and heart Christ's Word through the music they study and sing.

CHILDREN

Young Singers *Sunday, 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
Children in grades 1-5 learn Christ's Word through music, where they learn techniques of singing and of following a musical score.

EVENTS



*To view all our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit **smec.org/events**.*



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY SEPT. 7

A Joyful New Chapter at St. Martin's

*Join us for one of the great days in
our Parish history as we welcome our
5th Rector, the Rev. Dane Boston,
and his family to St. Martin's!*

Morning Schedule ★ A Day of Worship and Celebration

8 a.m. — Traditional Spoken Service

The Church | Holy Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Boston

9:15 a.m. — Combined Traditional and Family Table Worship

The Church | Holy Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Boston

10:15 a.m. — Get to know the Rector

The Church | A time of welcome with Dane and Debby Boston

Children's Sunday School available in Bagby Parish Hall.

11:15 a.m. — Combined Traditional and Riverway Worship

The Church | Holy Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Boston

Childcare for six week-old infants through age 3 available in Children's Life Center for all services.

Evening Celebration ★ Welcome to Texas!

4:30–6:30 p.m. — Student Life Center and Soccer Field

Parish Dinner Honoring the Boston Family featuring BBQ, music and kids' activities. Country casual attire recommended!

Childcare for six-week-old infants through children age 3 available in Children's Life Center.

The 6 p.m. service will not be offered.



Register at
smec.org/boston-welcome



Contact: Brittney Pena • 713-985-3821 • bpna@smec.org



*Preparing for the Bible
Presentation*

BIBLE HIGHLIGHTING



**Sundays, Aug. 24 and 31
9 a.m.
Parish Life Center Narthex**

Bibles will be available before the Family Table service for Church family members to highlight a favorite verse, and cards will be on hand to sign as well.

These will be presented to third graders on Sept. 14 during the Family Table service, commemorating this significant milestone in their faith journey.

Contact: Rozlyn Cline
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**JUST
FOR**
September

**GENESIS:
THE FIRST WORD**
STARTING SEPT. 14



Join us at
smec.org/just-for

Deadline: Sept. 14

Contact: Haley Lynch
hlynch@smec.org • 713-830-4110

St. Martin's small group ministry meets weekly at various times and locations — either at Church or in homes — for a four-week small group study of Genesis, digging deeper into the same passages as our new Rector's Genesis series on Sunday mornings.

For our Wednesday evening groups, nursery care and activities for children and youth are also available in the Children's Life Center and Student Life Center, with family dinner available 5-6 p.m. in the Crosswalk Garden.

There's a place for everyone — come grow with us!



THE GATHERING

For church members and others in the community who experience memory loss, along with their caregivers

August 25

10 a.m – 1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Secret Garden Party

Paper Towel Roll Flowers



Aug. 25

Jane Vandiver

For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS

FALL LUNCHEON

ANCHORED IN HOPE

FEATURING PAM THOMPSON

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

11 A.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL



For registration and to learn more about Pam Thompson, visit

smec.org/ecw-events

Registration opens at noon, Aug. 26



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Contact: Valerie Rivera
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SILENT AUCTION

Select silent auction items are available for bidding now, exclusively online, including two Field Box tickets to the Astros vs. Yankees baseball game Sept. 3 at Daikin Park.

Plus, preview other items available now and in-person at the Joy of Giving Market, Oct. 14–16!



Bid Now!

smec.org/jog

*Bidding for these tickets will close
Monday, Aug. 25 at 11:59 p.m.*



*Astros vs. Yankees
Tickets Available
for Bidding Now!*

Contact: Tracee Tindol
ttindol@smec.org
713-985-3811



Kids' Meals

Join the Men of St. Martin's in making sandwiches for hungry children.

No reservations are necessary; however, please bring a hat or head cover.

Visit kidsmealshouston.org to learn more.

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**Tuesday, Aug. 26
5 p.m.
Parish Life Center Kitchen**

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES

RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday Riverway Turns 4!

SUNDAY, AUG. 31

Parish Life Center Narthex

Following the 11:15 a.m. services

We invite everyone who has had a recent birthday or anniversary to join us in acknowledgement of your special day, and share a dessert or breakfast item with us. And let us celebrate Riverway's fourth anniversary! Everyone is welcome.

Contact: Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam • 713-830-4146 • relhakam@smec.org



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR *Healing and Wholeness* *Order of St. Luke*

St. Martin's International Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service

Wednesday, Sept. 3 | 5 p.m.

Parish Life Center or via Zoom

smec.org/osl

Contact: Valerie Rivera • vrivera@smec.org • 713-985-3817

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DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays • 7–8:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center

Program begins Sept. 10

Kick-off Dinner: Sept. 3

Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen (Woodway)

Fellowship opportunities for young professionals.

Join our young adults' small group that is focused on building deep and meaningful relationships through the regular study of Scripture and fellowship opportunities.

Contact: The Rev. Wesley Arning
rwarning@smec.org • 346-335-8680



Kick-Off Meeting

Thursdays, beginning Sept. 4

8–9 a.m. • Welcome Center

All Dads are Welcome! Join dads of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. This men's group is for those who want to begin their day seeking ways to connect their life to the Gospel.

No registration is necessary to attend the discussions.

Contact: The Rev. R. Wesley Arning • rwarning@smec.org • 346-335-8680



Walking the Mourner's Path Small Group Workshops

Walking the Mourner's Path is a ministry of prayer and presence based on eight-week workshops where participants learn they are not alone in their grief. They have Christ's love and healing with them always.

The workshops meet for an hour and half on consecutive weeks with two trained facilitators and a member of the Clergy.

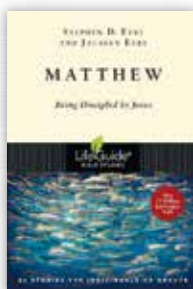
At St. Martin's we are planning for another series of workshops to begin on Wednesday, Oct. 1. This program is not for those recently bereaved but is for all people who are more than nine months from the death of a loved one. There is a limit of eight participants.

Contact to Participate: The Rev. Gill Keyworth • gkeyworth@smec.org



CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY

A Bible Study for Any Woman Seeking God's Truth



MORNING CLASS – BEGINS SEPT. 11

9:30–11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom
Childcare is available for six-week-old infants through age 5.

EVENING CLASS – BEGINS SEPT. 16

6:30–8 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom

CLS will study **“Matthew: Being Discipled by Jesus”**
by Stephen D. Eyre and Jacalyn Eyre.



All denominations are welcome; bring a friend! Register at smec.org/cls

Contact: Liz Gallien • lgallien@smec.org • 713-830-4139

MEMBERSHIP

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack to place in the offering plate or complete it online by scanning the QR code or visiting **smec.org/visitor-card**. Please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy and we will be in touch to let you know more about our Parish Family.



Seeking membership in a parish is a very important step and it is our goal to support your understanding of our Parish, its ministries and your place in the life of St. Martin's. Our membership process begins by attending one of our quarterly Membership 101 classes.

Contact: Kathy Johnson • 713-985-3834 • kjohnson@smec.org

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

St. Martin's office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For general questions, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

For pastoral concerns during Reception Desk hours, contact 713-985-3817 or pastoralcare@smec.org.

For pastoral emergencies when the Reception Desk is closed, call 713-621-3040 and follow the prompts to reach the priest on call.

For prayer requests, contact the prayer request line at 713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

For death notifications and funerals, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@smec.org.

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